

City of Wood Village Sept 2022

The Village News

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The City of Wood Village Opportunity Scholarship was established to help fund and assist students in Wood Village to achieve their dreams. This scholarship was made available to recent high school graduates, GED recipients, and others who are pursuing higher education that live in Wood Village. While it may only provide for a small portion of overall college costs, we hope it has a big impact for all those who receive it. It's just another way we're creating a Wood Village that's unique, special, and that serves its community.

We are very proud to announce this year's winners:

Maria Hernandez Angel

Maria was a recipient of the Opportunity Scholarship back in 2020. Since that time, she has been working diligently on her goal of working in the healthcare field. She is nearly completed with her program of becoming a Medical Assistant, and this scholarship should help her get to the finish line. Congratulations Maria!

Brian Montes

Brian received a scholarship last year to help him attend Portland State University with plans of pursuing a degree in Political Science. Brian is still on track with exceptional grades and is involved with student government and the Oregon Student Association. Keep up the good work, and congratulations Brian!

Jeffrey Castillo Reyes

Jeffrey has big ideas for his future as an entrepreneur and wants to continue learning about business and investments. He has already taken several college level classes in high

school and plans to continue that work at Mt. Hood Community College. Ultimately, Jeffrey would like to become a philanthropist to help others grow and thrive. Congratulations Jeffrey!

Malaysia Jones

Malaysia also received a scholarship last year and is continuing her work at the University of Oregon where she is studying public policy and planning with the hopes of working on affordable housing projects and policies. Keep at it, and congratulations Malaysia!

Abigail Fox

Abigail is driven, determined, and is not afraid to go after her dreams. She has overcome several adversities, and still finds time to give back at organizations like Snow Cap and Metropolitan Family Services. Abigail has a passion for theater and will be attending Portland State University for Theater Arts and Education so that she can become a high school theater teacher. Good luck and congratulations Abigail!



Councilor Amend, Councilor Rios-Campos, Councilor Miner, Maria Hernandez Angel, Brian Montes, Jeffrey Castillo Reyes, Mayor Harden, Council President Nissen



Did you know that you can influence the priorities and development of the City's park system? Or did you know that you can help shape the City's budget and priorities? There's also a way to directly impact how the City looks and what future development might include. These tasks are accomplished by our various volunteer committees and boards. The City has a Budget Committee, Parks Commission, Planning Commission, and an Urban Renewal Board. Each one has at least one opening that you can apply to be on. You don't have to have any specific experience; you just need to have a passion for the community and a desire to learn. You can learn more about each board or commission on our website as well as how to apply. Applications are due Friday, October 21st by 4:30pm. The Council will then review the applications in November and appoint the members in December. Come to City Hall or visit our webpage to learn more and apply!

BEST WISHES ERIKA!

Erika Olivares served as the Permit Technician and Code Compliance person for Wood Village for nearly three years. In her three years here, she worked on various residential projects as well as large commercial use projects. Her biggest project was the Byway development that consisted of eight apartment buildings and two retail buildings. During her time here, she issued 700 permits and coordinated 2,800 inspections. She was also Oregon's Permit Technician of the year for 2021. Erika also worked on several code compliance cases totaling over 850 cases in three years. Erika said that during her time with the City she enjoyed working with the residents on permitting for their home projects, addressing code compliance cases, and removing graffiti throughout the City. Erika has accepted a position with the City of Troutdale where she will serve as a Permit Specialist for their community development office. We want to thank her for her years of service, and we wish her well in Troutdale.



MEET OUR NEW PERMIT TECH MARY!

I am excited to join the City of Wood Village team as the Permit Technician and Code Compliance Specialist. Prior to coming to Wood Village, I worked for twenty-seven years as a claims adjuster in the Portland area with Nationwide Insurance and seven years in the Front Office of The Benson Hotel in downtown Portland.



Raised in Corvallis, I moved to Portland after graduating from Linfield College with a degree in Business Administration. For over thirty years, I have lived in East Multnomah County with most of that time being in the Parkrose area. Now that our two children are grown, my husband and I find ourselves as empty nesters. We enjoy spending time with friends, family, and going on camping trips as often as possible.

I am eager to work with the Wood Village community and look forward to meeting you!



Election Day is November 8th, and there will be three City Council positions on the ballot. At the time of this writing, the list of candidates has not yet been finalized. Races for the positions closest to your community like City Council are often near the bottom of the ballot, so please read and fill out your entire ballot.

A very important first step in voting is registering to vote. Registering is easy and can be done online: tinyurl.com/MultnomahCountyRegistration. Not sure if you're registered? You can also check that online at the same address above. The deadline to register for the November election is October 18th. Take part this year and have your voice....and vote count!

Vote★Vote★Vote★Vote★

HELPING THE HOUSELESS

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) believes in treating everyone with dignity and respect, including the most vulnerable in our community, while ensuring neighborhood and business livability complaints are heard and addressed.

In 2017, MCSO proudly launched the Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) team. The HOPE team works day-in and day-out to reduce homelessness by building trusting relationships with houseless individuals and connecting them to services. They also conduct and facilitate clean-up efforts to mitigate public health hazards. The HOPE team includes a lieutenant, sergeant and two deputies.

Early last year, the HOPE Team met Danny, an individual who had been living on the streets in Troutdale for six years. Deputies built trust with Danny by attending weekly outreach events at the Harvest Christian Church. Over time, they learned about his situation and connected him to resources, including helping him find employment and getting into permanent housing. Today, Danny continues to work in Fairview and remains housed.

"I have huge thanks to say to the HOPE team," Danny said. "They're really good people. They're very sympathetic. They've got an ability to find somebody struggling out on the streets and get them back on their feet."



Deputy Billy Epperson, Danny, and Deputy Juan Hidalgo

This past winter, deputies also worked with two other people living outside to get placement at Bybee Lakes Hope Center, a trauma-informed, data-driven transitional housing facility located in North Portland. They are still housed at the center, and HOPE team deputies stay engaged by checking up on the individuals.

If you have questions about the HOPE team or want to notify the team of individuals in need of assistance, please email HOPE@mcso.us.

TURKEY DRIVE



Our annual Turkey Drive is back and bigger than ever. This year we have partnered with the East County Food Bank to help run the event. The program will provide a turkey, a pie and all the fixings as well. The sign up is on a first come first served basis until all the slots are filled, and the **Deadline to sign up is October 1st**, so don't delay. Pickup will be November 21st from 4-6pm at the Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church (2420 NE Fairview Avenue). You can sign up through our website WoodVillageOR.gov, or directly at this link tinyurl.com/TurkeyDrive22.

REGALO DE PAVO

Nuestro regalo de pavos regresará este año y será mejor que nunca. Este año hemos asociado con la East County Food Bank para organizar el evento. El regalo de comida incluirá un pavo, las guarniciones de pavo, y una tarta. Favor de registrar pronto para asegurar que tenga regalo de comido porque la lista se llena rápido. **La fecha límite para registrarse es el 1 de Octubre**, entonces favor de no demorarse. Se recogería el pavo el 21 de Noviembre entre las 4pm y las 6pm en el Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church (2420 NE Fairview Avenue). Usted puede registrarse con nuestro sitio de red WoodVillageOR.gov, o directo con este enlace: tinyurl.com/TurkeyDrive22.



REGIONAL FORUM – FIREARM SAFETY, LAWS, AND TRENDS



September 21st at 6pm
Wood Village City Hall & Civic Center
24200 NE Halsey St

Forum with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and Gun Owners for Responsible Ownership. The purpose of the forum is not to debate or discuss the merits of existing or proposed laws, legislation, or regulations, but to help educate guests on current laws, responsible firearm ownership, and what is being done in East County to help reduce gun violence.



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East County Recreation

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- ✓ & More

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Costume Dash 5K Fun Run/Walk

October 8



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before 9/16
for Early bird
discount

Dash starts at 9am to register visit PlayEast.org



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Donald L Robertson Park through McMenamins golf course



7th Annual

PUMPKIN F&ST DRIVE-THROUGH

WALK-UPS WELCOME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

While Supplies Last

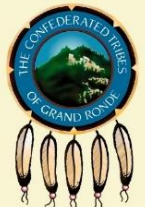
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24200 NE HALSEY**



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FRIDAY FAMILY FUN

Night

FRIDAY AUGUST 5TH

PlayEast held its Friday Family Fun Night at the Donald L. Robertson Park in Wood Village. This event celebrated recreation, partnerships, and most importantly community. It was great to see families enjoy an evening filled with fun as youth participated in Friends of Baseball free baseball/softball clinic and received awesome swag to take home. This would not be a great event without food. A big thank you to the Tany's Family as they prepared hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, and their famous churros all free to everyone there and the evening wrapped up with us showing Disney's Encanto. A special thank you to the City of Wood Village for also helping to make this event possible.

 *See you next year!!*



UPCOMING PROJECTS

Wood Village has two great road projects that will be completed this season. We are working to make pedestrian crossing on Halsey Street safer and more accessible and we are working to perform some needed maintenance on sections of 236th Avenue.

SAFER PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS



As many of you know, Halsey Street can be challenging to cross, especially on concert nights. The installation of rectangular rapid-flashing beacon crossings will make it easier and safer to cross Halsey. We will be installing three of them between 244th and 234th along Halsey. To help fund the project, we applied for and received an ODOT grant. In addition to the grant, the City's Urban Renewal Agency will also be funding part of the project. While these crossings may be simple looking, there is a lot of design work and engineering that goes into each one to help ensure that it is safe for pedestrians and vehicles. We want to thank Multnomah County for their work designing each crossing. This project has been in the works for quite a while, and we are excited to break ground in October with completion in December.

PAVEMENT PRESERVATION

Thanks to our street utility fee, Wood Village can invest in the maintenance of our local roads every year. Normal wear and tear and the weather can take quite a toll on road conditions, and it's important to stay on top of issues before it becomes a bigger problem. Every year our engineering technician evaluates road conditions and develops a pavement preservation index to help identify priorities. This year, sections of 236th Avenue between Arata Road and Shannon Street were identified for improvement. We will be cutting out and patching heavily damaged and distorted sections of pavement, sealing cracks, and laying a sealing coat over these sections of the road. These treatments will improve the quality of the road and prevent the need for more expensive repairs in the future. Our request for proposals was published on June 21st and 22nd with the bid opening on July 13th. On July 22nd, the City Council approved CR Contracting to do the pavement work for the third year in a row. The work will be complete by the end of September and there will be specific notices to those that live in the project area.



BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER



Over 2,000 people gathered at the Wood Village Baptist Church campus on Friday, July 15th to take part in the fun at the 24th Annual City Nite Out. This was our first big in person event since COVID, and it was clear the community was ready to get back together. The event featured free food, beverages, snacks, and ice cream. We had tons of free activities for kids including obstacle courses, futsal lessons, face painting, and gymnastic performances. There were also plenty of things for adults to do such as explore all the booths and exhibits which numbered well over 24 different organizations.

DJ Zeke entertained the crowd with a variety of music and fun and games for all to enjoy. The Sheriff's Office was on hand and had a large booth space along with several patrol vehicles, search and rescue equipment, and a patrol boat. A great time was had by all who attended, and it was wonderful to see everyone, share information and resources, and come together as a community. We're already looking forward to next year's event!

This event would not be possible without the help and support of the many volunteers, businesses and organizations that took part in this event including:

Multi-Year Platinum Community Event

Sponsors:

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The Byway

Multi-Year Silver Community Event Sponsor:

Wood Village Chevron

Multi-Year Bronze Community Event Sponsor:

Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde

Additional Sponsors: Gresham Ford, Metro, Trimet, Waste Management, Playeast, Lideres Naturales, Theresa's Country Feed & Pet, PGE, Metro, Gresham Ford, Morasch Meats, Wood Village Town Center, Walmart, Red Cross, NW Natural, Rigert Elite, Mt Hood Community College, Multnomah County, Gresham Fire, and the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce.

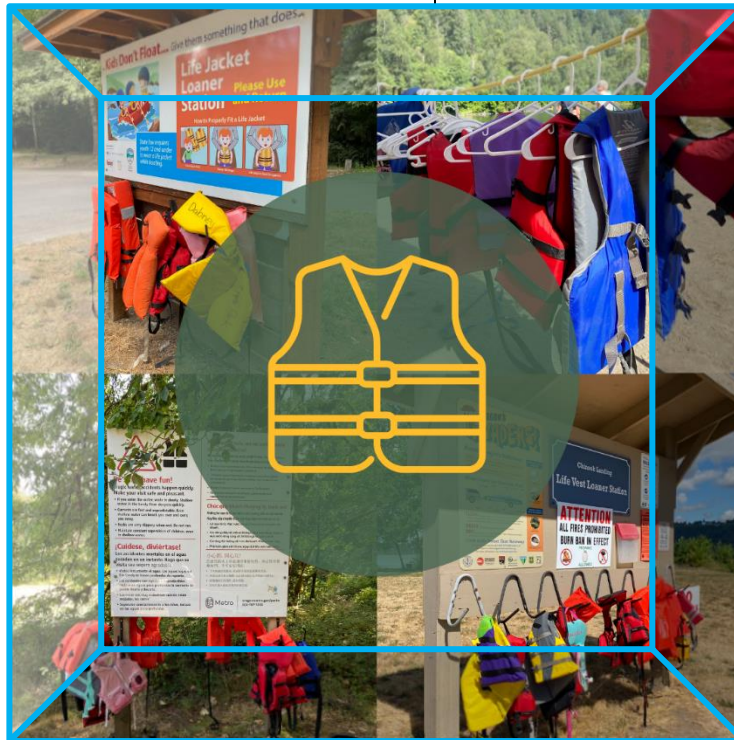
Very Special Thanks to:

Pastor Tom Miles and the Wood Village Baptist Church Staff and Members
Sheriff Michael Reese, Lieutenant Rian Hakala, and Sergeant Brian White

WATER SAFETY ON THE SANDY RIVER

Drowning is preventable! When you go to cool off in a river or lake, always wear a life jacket. Life jackets are free to borrow at kiosks at popular parks and boat ramps at Glenn Otto Park, Oxbow Regional Park, Dodge Park, Lewis and Clark Recreation Site, and Dabney State Park. No identification card is required!

The Sandy River is colder and faster than other rivers in our area. Swimming at the Sandy River can be challenging to even the strongest, most capable swimmers. Lifeguards are present all summer at Glenn Otto Park. They can share with you the latest conditions and help you find safe places to enjoy the river.



Se puede evitar que más personas se ahoguen en los ríos de Oregon, si llevan puesto un chaleco salvavidas. Puede prestarse un chaleco salvavidas gratuitamente, en quioscos localizados en parques como: el parque Glenn Otto, el parque Oxbow Regional, el parque Dodge, el parque Lewis y Clark, y el parque estatal Dabney. No necesita una identificación.

El río Sandy tiene temperaturas más frías y un caudal más rápido que otros ríos en el área. Nadar en el río Sandy puede ser desafiante inclusive para los nadadores más experimentados. Durante el verano, siempre encontrará personal salvavidas en el parque Glenn Otto en el río Sandy. Ellos pueden informarle acerca de las condiciones del caudal del río y ayudarlo a encontrar lugares seguros para disfrutar el río.

STORMDRAIN CLEANING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This voluntary program for businesses in Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, and Wood Village offers cleaning of parking lot drains for a flat fee of \$60 per drain.

Sign up by October 31st!

Why we offer this program

The City of Gresham coordinates this discount program for the four cities to assist area businesses. Storm drains require regular cleaning to remove pollutants and prevent flooding, and businesses are responsible for maintenance of storm drains on their property.



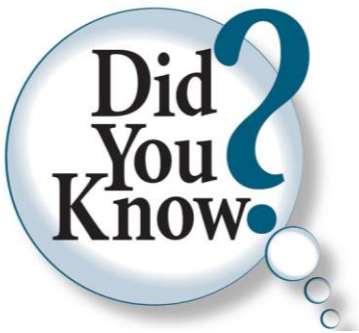
How it works

This program is offered in the fall and spring each year. To register your property for the current season of the program go to GreshamOregon.gov/SCAP. The service provider will contact you to schedule your cleaning and will bill you after the work is done. If you change your mind, you may decline service when you are contacted for scheduling.

The flat fee of \$60 per drain covers removal of debris from parking lot drains. It does not include jetting, repair, or accessing drains located in carports or landscaping. The service provider may offer a quote for additional services which you may accept or decline.

Contact

If you have questions about this program, please email SCAP@greshamoregon.gov or call 503-618-2522.



CLEAN AND SAFE STORM WATER

Water that flows on the street into the catch basins (metal grates in the road) flows through the City's storm system, enters our local creeks, and eventually runs into the Sandy and Columbia Rivers. That's why it's very important not to dump things like oil, grease, soils, or other matter into this system. Our storm system is regulated by both the state and federal government. The City has

what is called a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit which require us to take actions to help minimize contamination to our storm drain system. There are new regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to reduce mercury in the storm system, and you can learn more about these regulations here: epa.gov/tmdl/impaired-waters-and-mercury.

The good news is that these new mercury requirements won't impact the work we do, because we've been accomplishing the same tasks in our MS4 permit which helps contain many contaminants, including mercury. Sediment runoff from construction sites is one of the biggest sources of contaminants like mercury entering the storm drain system. That's why we frequently inspect active construction sites to ensure that they are utilizing best management practices to keep sediment on the construction site, and off our roads and out of the storm drains. Wood Village also has storm drain facilities which filter out total suspended solids, such as mercury. Every year we clean the Cedar Lane storm vault which effectively removes 71% of mercury that may have entered the storm drain system. The raw materials left behind are sucked out of the vault during our annual maintenance and sent to waste processing centers. You can learn more about our MS4 permit and how we protect our stormwater system and the environment on the Street/ Storm Drain System section of our website at WoodVillageOR.gov.

It's good to know that our storm drain program not only helps keep storm water from flooding our community, but it is also helps keep our city healthy and livable.



ANNUAL LEAF RECYCLING October 24th - December 31st

One of the best parts about living in Wood Village is all the greenery! As we know, during Fall a lot of those leaves end up on your lawn, roof, and in gutters. Every year we try and support our residents by providing a leaf recycle area at the Donald L. Robertson City Park located at 24300 NE Halsey Street.

Raking or depositing leaves in the street IS NOT an allowed in Wood Village. Wet leaves on the street can be slippery and create dangerous conditions for drivers, bicycles, and pedestrians. You can always compost your leaves or put them into your yard debris can for Waste Management to pick up on your regularly scheduled collection day. We know that during the fall season sometimes those bins fill up fast and we are here to help.

Between October 24th and December 31st, a Leaf Drop Area is available to all Wood Village residents. ONLY Wood Village residents may drop off LEAVES AND SMALL BRANCHES – NO TRASH PLEASE. The drop area is in the main

parking lot against the wall north of the Play Area. Adding your trash ends up costing you and the City extra money to sort. Please help us to continue this valuable service! Leaves should be left loose in the designated area and all transport containers taken with you. If you have any questions, please call 503-489-6859.



GRAFFITI BAN

The summer months is when graffiti tends to increase. While graffiti did increase compared to the springtime, there were

relatively few graffiti incidents around the community. The graffiti that did appear was promptly removed by property owners, community members, and City staff. We want to encourage the community to keep doing their part by removing and reporting graffiti within 24 to 48 hours. The City offers graffiti removal kits at no-cost! You may also report graffiti and other code violations by calling City Hall or using our online reporting tool at WoodVillageOR.gov.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

CELEBRATE WITH US
SEPTEMBER 16TH 5-7PM

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PREPARING MAKES SENSE

SEPTEMBER IS
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS
MONTH

How well you and your family prepare for a disaster before it happens impacts how quickly you recover.



KNOW YOUR RISK

Prepare for the risks where you live.

Visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov) where you can input your location to get information about disasters in your area.

Visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) to know how to prepare for disasters and what to do during an emergency.

Download the [FEMA mobile App](#) to receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations across the nation.



MAKE A PLAN

Prepare yourself and your family before disaster strikes.

Consider the specific needs of your household like medical needs or items for your pets.

Know how you'll receive emergency alerts and warnings.

Visit [Ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan) and fill out an emergency plan.

Practice your family's plan.



TAKE ACTION

Be ready to respond to and recover from a disaster.

Gather supplies that fit your family's needs.

Secure important documents.

Understand your insurance coverage and have the right insurance that covers specific hazards that may affect you.

Read our disaster preparedness articles in each city newsletter.



Go to [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for more information to help you be prepared!



United States Department of Agriculture

Easy Steps to Prevent Food Waste

Everyone is shopping smarter these days. It is important for the environment to keep food waste out of landfills where it produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

Use these tips to save on groceries and help the environment.

1. Plan ahead



Before you go to the grocery store or order online, make a list so you don't buy more than you need.

2. Serve smart



Portion control is good for your waistline, and good for reducing plate waste.

3. Love your leftovers



Pack leftovers in small portions in shallow containers, mark the contents and date, refrigerate and use within 3 to 4 days or freeze immediately.

4. Compost, don't trash



Food scraps can be recycled into compost, an organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Set up a home compost bin or drop your food waste at a local compost center.

Learn more about food loss and waste prevention
at www.usda.gov/foodlossandwaste.

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City Council Meetings:

Sept 13th 6:00 PM
 Sept 29th 6:00 PM

Wood Village City Hall

Water & Sewer	503-667-6211	Emergency	911
Building Permits	503-667-6211	Sheriff Non-Emergency	503-823-3333
Other Services:		Abandoned Vehicles	503-823-3333
Waste Management	503-249-8078	Mental Health Call Center	503-988-4888
Ziply	866-699-4759	Animal Control	503-248-3066
PGE	503-228-6322	DEQ Burning Info	503-618-3083
Power outages	503-464-7777	Commissioner Stegmann	503-988-5213
Streetlight outages	503-736-5710	Reynolds School District	503-661-7200
NW Natural	503-226-4212	Gresham Fire Dept	503-618-2355
211 Info 211info.org	211	East County Resolution	503-618-3247

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